

IN THE CLAIMS:

Would the Office kindly amend Claim 1 as follows:

1.(currently amended) In a tractor trailer having a tractor unit with drive wheels and a trailer unit, and wherein said tractor unit includes an internal combustion engine, the improvement wherein said internal combustion engine being is operative to directly drive said drive wheels, said trailer unit having a plurality of axles each having wheels thereon, ~~the improvement comprising~~ electric drive means for driving the wheels on at least one of said axles, batteries operatively connected to said electric drive means, said batteries being mounted on said tractor unit, a generator for charging said batteries and a control system for selectively operating said electric drive means.

2-3(cancelled)

4.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means comprise electric motors associated with said wheels on a plurality of axles.

5.(cancelled)

6.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 4 wherein said electric motors include regenerative braking capability .

7.(previously presented) The improvement of Claim 1 wherein said electric drive means comprise a plurality of electric motors, each electric motor being operative to drive a single wheel of said trailer unit.